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Fordbridge Road,
Kinghurst,
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B37 6LW

Friday 12th December 2025



This half term, we are growing to be **learned**, finding God in all things and **wise** in the ways we use our learning for the common good.



Education is the most powerful lesson you can use to change the world.

Nelson Mandela - Activist and former President of South Africa



Reception to Y6 will have a Christmas Party in the afternoon of **Wednesday 17th December**.

Your child can bring some party clothes to change into for the afternoon.

As a contribution to the party, we would be really grateful if your child could bring in something for the party on the day of the party **NO NUTS** or **ORANGES** due to severe allergies in school. **We will let your child know** which item we would like them to bring in.

Thank you and Merry Christmas 😊



PTA page

WINNERS!

Day 1: Russel Hobbs Steam Mop – **Ciaran, Year 5**

Day 2: American sweet hamper, Cadburys chocolate hamper, 1kg pouch of sweets, Monty Bojangles x 3 Truffles and huge Custard Cream tin – **Noah, Year 3**

Day 3: Bluey Play House – **Jacob, Year 2**

Day 4: Gentleman's Jack JD & £20 dining out Gift Card - **Gabriel, Year 4**

Day 5: SIX Bottles of Wine (red and white) **Tommy, Year 3**

Day 6: Beldray handheld Vacuum

Day 7: Moroccan Oil Giftset, Pink gin set, 3 x Yankee candles set, 2x essential oil candles

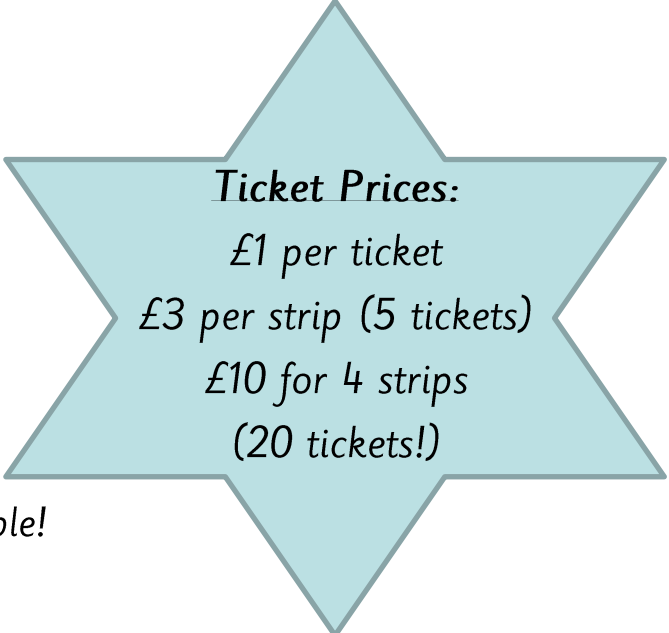
Day 8: Rocket Play Tent, Basketball and a Football

Day 9: 360 Spiro Spin (outdoor large)

Day 10: Karcher Window Vacuum
(anniversary edition)

Day 11: Ring doorbell

Day 12: Flying ring, Sussed, Grabolo and Dobble!



Ticket Prices:
£1 per ticket
£3 per strip (5 tickets)
£10 for 4 strips
(20 tickets!)

Non-Uniform Day

Whole school Non-uniform day

Friday 19th December

£1 donation

Non-uniform
day!

Neurodiversity Survey

Neurodiversity Survey Our Bishops' Conference and [Birmingham Newman University](#) are conducting research into neurodiversity and faith experience. If you are a Catholic neurodivergent adult or a caregiver of a neurodivergent Catholic (aged 2+), they would like to hear from you. Project organisers are collecting information through two short (10-20 minute) anonymous online surveys, which are available to complete until **12th January 2026**: If you are a neurodivergent Catholic adult or a caregiver of a neurodivergent Catholic (aged 2+), you can find links for the survey at: www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/new-survey-on-neurodiversity-and-the-catholic-faith

Christmas jumper and dinner day



Christmas jumper and dinner day



Tiny Ants

Can we say a **massive** well done to our Tiny Ants children for their wonderful Nativity performance! Myself Mrs Wedge and Miss Caffrey were blown away. Also, thank you to our Parents for joining in with our Christmas Craft Workshop, the creativity was amazing.

WELL
DONE!



Nursery

This week in nursery we have been learning all about The Snowman 1982. We have drawn our own snowmen as well as explored shapes when printing snowman accessories. We have also created some wonderful snowman using white glittery playdough.



Nursery

Nursery were also amazing in their nativity performance, and we were all so proud of them. Thank You to all the parents and carers who attended the nativity and Christmas craft workshop. The children loved having you there. We hope you enjoyed it.



Nursery



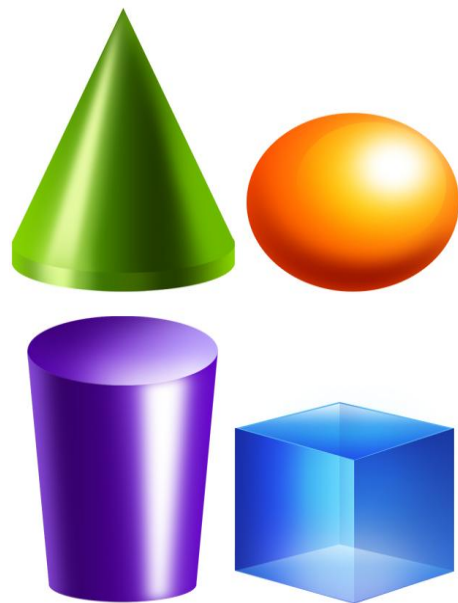
Reception

In Reception this week, the children enjoyed lots of festive learning. In English, we watched a short clip from *The Grinch*. The children drew and described the Grinch, then thought carefully about a present that could help make him happy this Christmas. In Maths, we explored measurement and capacity. The children were brilliant at comparing the sizes of the presents under our Christmas tree. They were able to order them by size and fill them with different classroom objects to make comparisons. In RE, we wrote Advent prayers and reflected on the kind and loving things we are going to do during this special season. On Wednesday, the children performed their Nativity. They were amazing—confident, joyful, and proud of themselves. We also had a brilliant time at the Christmas workshop, making cards and decorations, printing, and sharing books together. We ended the week by meeting our Year 5 buddies and walking up to church to watch the KS1 Nativity.



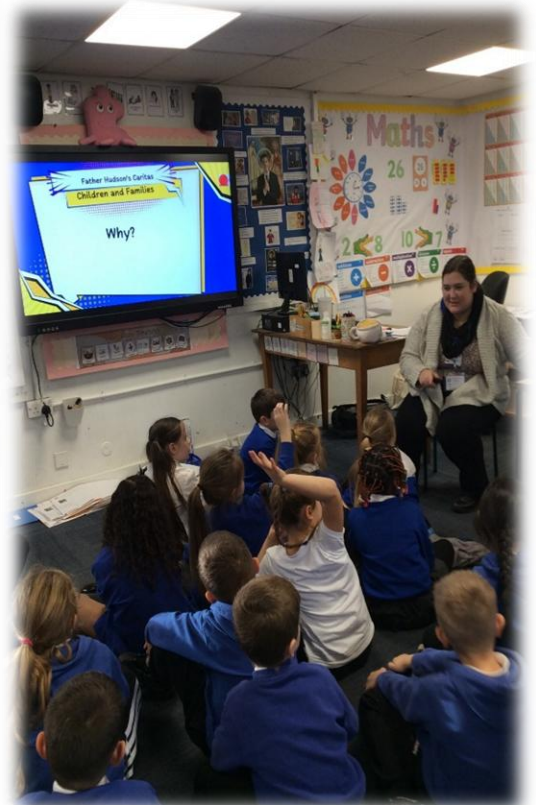
Year 1

Year 1 have had a very busy week! The children have been working very hard on their nativity to show their family members. We have also enjoyed learning about Bambinelli's and looked at some of the different way people have created them. We then created our very own Bambinelli's to take to mass with us next week. We have loved learning the names of all the 3D shapes and comparing them with 2D shapes in Maths.



Year 2

In Year 2 this week, we had a wonderful visit from the charity Father Hudson. Emily kindly worked with us and taught us about the work that they do at Father Hudson's to help others, and she set us the task of making posters to request perishable donations for those who may need it. We have also enjoyed learning about Bambinellis and made our own using salt dough. On Thursday, we had our school trip, 'A Journey to the Stables', where we had lots of fun on the tractor ride and watching the story of Jesus' birth be acted out. What a busy week we have had!



Year 2 - Journey to the Stables



Year 3

Year 3 really enjoyed their music lesson this week, as we tried to create a piece of music using percussion instruments to go with a short film we watched about a girl getting superpowers. We were relieved to find out that Paddington has finally been found, but he has somehow found himself inside a cell. We have been performing persuasive speeches to try and prove that he is **INNOCENT, INNOCENT INNOCENT!** We also enjoyed a yummy roast on Christmas dinner day 😊



Year 4

In Year 4, we have been getting into the festive spirit by creating our Bambinellis. We also used our creative skills to paint our pavilions in D&T and write emotive poems in the style of 'Caged Bird'.



Year 5

Year 5 have been learning to give directions in Spanish this week. They were challenged to close their eyes and trust their partners to direct them around the classroom.



Winter Uniform

**Children in Reception to Year 6
are now to wear Winter Uniform
(apart from PE days)**

*Girls' winter uniform:
Grey skirt/ school
trousers, white blouse &
tie, school
cardigan/jumper, grey,
white or black tights or
socks, black shoes*

*Boys' winter uniform:
Grey school trousers,
white shirt with tie, school
jumper, black or grey
socks, black shoes*



Please complete the School Uniform form, as soon as possible <https://forms.office.com/e/2HFH4ZePbR>

PE KIT EXPECTATIONS

Please be reminded that PE kit is; white round neck t-shirt, black bottoms (not baggy or flared), school hoody and trainers

*****If you are unsure, please contact the School Office*****

Little Brum Youth Theatre

Open to all Year 6 children



Every Wednesday

17:30 to 18:30

Starting 14th January 2026

Elmwood Family Hub, 37 Burtons Way,
Birmingham, B36 0UG

Please email katie@bigbrum.org.uk
to sign up or for further details

Solihull HAF Information

Please follow the link below for more information regarding holiday activities and food programme 2025

https://edportals.solihull.gov.uk/Synergy/Live/SynergyWeb/Solihull_FSD/HAF2025.aspx

Holiday Activities and Food Programme 2025



Click the boxes below to search for activity providers in Solihull who are providing free places to children on benefits-related free school meals during the October half term under the Holiday Activity and Food Programme - known as **HAF**.

You can search for activity providers by:

- **Name** of activity provider
- **Postcode** of where the activities are taking place (to view those closest to your home or work address).
- **Family Activities** that are available.

You can click below to view a complete list of **HAF activities** and **Specialist SEND activities** aimed at children with additional needs and/or disabilities.

The **Christmas 2025 HAF schemes** are now LIVE on the directory. Please click into the search boxes below to find a suitable HAF activity for your child.

Household Support Information

If your child is eligible for free school meals, a payment of £50 per child will be provided as food support for families for the Autumn term 2025.

Vouchers will be issued by 15 December 2025.

[Here2Help](#) pages provide details of additional support.

If you have any questions or want more information, please contact

Free schoolmeals team edfreesm@solihull.gov.uk.

Free Courses

Free course

GET INTO PERSONAL TRAINING

13th January to
17th February

Tuesdays

12:00 - 16:00

📍 Three Trees Community Centre

Develop the knowledge and practical skills needed to begin your journey into personal training. This course combines theory and hands-on experience to build your understanding of fitness, anatomy, and effective training methods. You'll also explore pathways into further study and careers in the fitness and wellbeing industry.

Free course for residents living in North Solihull

Kingshurst, Chelmsley Wood, Fordbridge and Smith's Wood

Complete the form on the QR code or email us to sign up community.projects@solihull.ac.uk



 Solihull College
& University Centre

Free course

Get into Floristry

📍 Woodlands Campus
Solihull College & University Centre

16th January
to 17th April

Fridays

11:45 - 15:00

Free course for residents living in North Solihull

Kingshurst, Chelmsley Wood, Fordbridge and Smith's Wood

Explore flower arranging and teamwork as you design a floral feature for a community celebration.

Complete the form on the QR code or email us to sign up community.projects@solihull.ac.uk



 Solihull College
& University Centre



Free to residents living in North Solihull –
Kingshurst, Chelmsley Wood, Fordbridge
and Smith's Wood.

Support for Parents

Solihull Parents' Network | Getting out and about | Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council

Use this link to find out about;

Library activities

The Core Gallery & Theatre

Family Hub Activities

Stay Active events

Creative Arts

SEND activities

Family Days Out

Family support worker drop-ins at the Family Hubs

Parents can go to the Family Hubs to talk to a Family Support Worker if needed. No need to book, just turn up.

Evergreen Hub is next to Yorkswood School.

Family Hub	Day	Time
Evergreen	Wednesday	1pm-4pm

Evergreen Family Hub



Timetable

September 2025



Wherever you live in Solihull, we're here to support you

Family Hubs are local centres where children, young people, and families can access support and take part in fun activities! Our friendly staff and service providers work in partnership with you and your community to access the information and support you need. Some services offer drop-in sessions, whilst others require booked appointments. The Hubs are a safe space for you and your loved ones.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Employment, training, and digital skills support – 09:00-16:00 Support with job searching, creating, emailing and sending your CV. Drop in or call 0121 779 1724 to book an appointment.</p> <p>Buggy walk – 13:00-13:45 <i>Weather dependant</i> Times may change for the stay and play workshop dependent on the weather. Families to be notified through the Evergreen Facebook page or changes to app.</p> <p>Stay and play – 13:30-15:00 Come and play and meet new friends. Suitable for ages 0-4 and their parents/carers. No booking required, just come along and join in with the fun!</p> <p>After-school club – 15:30-16:30 Play board games, do quizzes, art, table tennis and other fun activities. Suitable for ages 4-12, parents/carers must stay and supervise their children.</p>	<p>Health Visitor clinic – 09:00-14:00 Booked appointments for parents and their babies and children with the Health Visiting team. Book by speaking to your Health Visitor.</p> <p>Midwifery team – 09:30-15:30 Community midwives that provide maternity care outside of a hospital setting. Parent consultation workshops with midwifery team.</p> <p>Community coffee morning – 10:30-12:00 Come in for a cuppa and tell us what you would like to see happening at Evergreen or find out more about volunteering and other services in your local area.</p> <p>Sensory room – 14:30-onwards Slots available for the sensory room. To book, call Evergreen on 0121 779 1724.</p>	<p>Employment, training, and digital skills support – 09:00-16:00 Support with job searching, creating, emailing and sending your CV. Drop in or call 0121 779 1724 to book an appointment.</p> <p>Health in the hearts of our community social group – 10:30-12:00 Social group including fun, games and a cuppa! Learn more about heart health through one-to-one consultations.</p> <p>Health visitors' sensory play – 13:00-15:00 <i>Weather dependant Every second and last week of the month – 10 and 24 September</i> To book, call the Health Visiting Team on 0750 733 2563.</p> <p>Family support worker drop-in – 13:00-16:00 Drop-in service, advice, support and signposting to other services. Helpline is provided at Evergreen on Wednesday afternoon on 0121 788 4327</p> <p>Sensory room – 14:30-onwards Slots available for the sensory room. To book, call Evergreen on 0121 779 1724.</p> <p>Seasonal crafts – 15:30-16:30 Autumn-themed craft workshop.</p>	<p>Health Visitor clinic – 09:00-14:00 Booked appointments for parents and their babies and children with the Health Visiting team. Book by speaking to your Health Visitor.</p> <p>Family support worker workshop – 10:00-13:00 Solution focused workshop</p> <p>Sensory room – 15:00-onwards Slots available for the sensory room. To book, call Evergreen on 0121 779 1724.</p>	<p>Employment, training, and digital skills support – 09:00-15:30 Support with job searching, creating, emailing and sending your CV. Drop in or call 0121 779 1724 to book an appointment.</p> <p>Midwifery team – 09:30-15:30 Community midwives that provide maternity care outside of a hospital setting. Parent consultation workshops with midwifery team.</p> <p>Stay and play – 10:00-11:30 Come and play and meet new friends. Suitable for ages 0-4 and their parents/carers. No booking required, just come along and join in with the fun!</p> <p>Family activities – 13:30-15:30 Bring your homework, play board games, do quizzes, art, table tennis and other fun activities. Suitable for 4-12 years, parents/carers must stay and supervise their children.</p>

Wellbeing and advice

Here2help
Family Hubs can help with food, toiletries, fuel, money, staying well, and keeping safe. To find out more, visit www.solihull.gov.uk/here2help.

Health visiting
To speak to a health visitor, text Chat Health on 0750 733 2563 between 09:00-16:00, Monday-Friday.

Women's Aid
If you or someone you know needs support, call Women's Aid at 0808 800 0028. Available seven days a week, 09:15-17:15.

Mental health support
The Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust provide guidance and reassurance to people of all ages. Call 0800 915 9292 or 0121 262 3555.

Midwives
Please call your midwife using the phone number in your red book.

What else can the Family Hubs offer?

Help and support
Speak to our friendly staff

Stay and play area
Toys, books, and soft play

Sensory room
To book, call 0121 779 6943

Computers and private work pods
Internet and phone access

Community wardrobe
Free clothing

[42 Kinshurst Way, Kinshurst, Solihull, B37 6DX](https://www.solihull.gov.uk)

Nurturing ADHD Kids

Nurturing ADHD kids

This online 6 week course is free for Birmingham parents and carers of children and young people with ADHD or suspected ADHD

LED BY ADULTS WITH ADHD

Does your child have ADHD or suspected ADHD?

Are you trying to support them but find that everyone gives you different advice?

In this 6 week course, you will

- learn about ADHD
- Understand the effect on our mental health
- Understand the reasons behind behaviours
- Gain confidence in advocating for our children
- Learn new strategies
- Help our kids be confident, resilient and be their best selves

What parents have said about this course

This course is literally game-changing for parents, caregivers, teachers and anyone living with a child (or adult) with ADHD. So much misunderstanding, frustration and worry could be prevented if everyone had access to this amazing resource.

Essential course for any parent of a child with ADHD. It changed the way I see my son and my ability to respond to his needs effectively.

Very informative, friendly, no pressure, enjoyable sessions

Email:
contactus@brewseducation.org

Birmingham Resilience Education and Wellbeing Services CIC

CIC Business Registration: 13240865



Nurturing ADHD Kids

Nurturing ADHD Kids

NEW GROUPS STARTING SOON!

Free online 6 week courses for parents and carers
Each session is 90 minutes

January 2026 courses

Wednesday mornings 10 - 11.30 am
starting Wednesday 7th January
Register [HERE](#) or use QR code



Thursday evenings 7-8.30 pm
starting Thursday 8th January
Register [HERE](#) or use QR code



**Registration closes at
5 pm on Friday January 2nd**

If you miss the deadline, email us at
contactus@brewseducation.org and you can
join the next one starting in March



Lunch menu for w.b. 15th December

FOOD FESTIVAL
by Aspina

WEEK 1
Autumn Winter 2025/26
01/09/25, 22/09/25, 13/10/25,
03/11/25, 24/11/25, 15/12/25,
05/01/26, 26/01/26, 16/02/26,
09/03/26, 30/03/26

LUNCHTIME

PRIMARY
TRADITIONAL



MONDAY

Cheese and Tomato
Pizza Slice
with Wedges

TUESDAY

Meatball
Marinara Pasta

WEDNESDAY

Roast Chicken,
Stuffing, Skin on
Roasties
and Gravy

THURSDAY

Bangers, Mash
and Gravy

FRIDAY

Golden Fish Fingers
or
Salmon Fingers
and Chips



BBQ Cheesy
Sweetcorn Pizza
with Wedges

Veggie Korma
with Rice

Roasted Vegetable
Strudel,
Skin on Roasties
and Gravy

Veggie Bangers,
Mash and Gravy

Cheesy Bean Wrap
with Chips



Peas

Sweetcorn

Carrots and Cabbage

Mixed Greens

Baked Beans



Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo

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Butterfly Pastry
Biscuits

Shortbread

Banana Bread
and Custard

Apple
Cinnamon Buns

Lemon
Drizzle Cake

What impact has your meal
had on planet Earth today?



AVAILABLE DAILY

DAILY SALAD BOWL, FRESHLY BAKED
BREAD, YOGHURTS AND CUT FRUIT

PASTA
TWIRLER
AVAILABLE
EVERY DAY

TOPPED PASTA
HOT PASTA TOPPED WITH
HOMEMADE TOMATO SAUCE
& CHEESE

Due to school dinners being cooked fresh, please ensure that you pre order meals that your child will eat. Unfortunately, we cannot offer alternatives.

Changes to ordering school lunches...

We have now moved to our new simplified lunch ordering system, a single login system via ParentPay

<https://www.parentpay.com/>





Diary Dates



Y6 SATs

Year 6 weekly booster starting from Thursday 6th November for all pupils from 3:15 till 4:15pm

2025		
Weds 17 th Dec	Whole school	Whole school Mass @ 9:15am - Year 3 leading. Parents and family members welcome
Thurs 18 th Dec	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6	KS2 Carol Concert 2pm
Fri 19 th Dec	Whole school	Non-uniform day (£1 donation) and end of term
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS: Monday 22 nd Dec - Friday 2 nd Jan 2026		

Term dates 2025 - 2026			
	Term starts	Half term	Term ends
Autumn	1 st September 2025	27 th Oct – 31 st Oct	19 th December 2025
Spring	5 th January 2026	16 th Feb – 20 th Feb	27 th March 2026
Summer	13 th April 2026	25 th May - 29 th May	20 th July 2026
Inset days: 1 st September, 24 th October, 5th January , 23 rd February, 13th April , 20 th July			

P.E Days

Week beginning Monday 15th December

Reception – Friday

Year 1 – Wednesday

Year 2 – Friday

Year 3 – Tuesday

Year 4 – Thursday

Year 5 – Tuesday (swimming)

Year 6 – Tuesday



Head Teacher's Awards



Congratulations!

Reception – Reception – For their brilliant Nativity performance. Well done everyone! 😊

Year 1 – Year 1 – For producing and performing our KS1 nativity.

Year 2 – Millie-Jai – For always trying your best in everything you do and setting a wonderful example for others!

Year 3 – Lincoln – For lighting up the Year 3 classroom and always bringing smiles to the people around you 😊

Year 4 – Gabriel – For perseverance and effort while learning our songs for the carol concert.

Year 5 – Ryan – For really showing what he is truly capable of.

Year 6 – Karson – For always showing enthusiasm in all lessons, working well with others and making our classroom brighter.

